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# The Prince of T A R T A R I A his Voyage to Cowper in Fife.

*He that will to Cowper, will to Cowper.*

**I**T was about that time in the morning when the mortals of this side of the *Æquinoctial* Line, are accustomed to Satisfie their *Gusto* in refreshing Nature by frequent Oscitation and Pundiculation to their Members; Surfeit with toil, and Disgorging from their Nauleating Ventricle by Eructation, the Crudity's Engendered there through their painful and Laborious Carousing; and what is wanting that way, their roaring *Borborygmi* declareth by another in a very sensible way of breathing: This was the time, I say, when the magnificent and much expected Prince of Tartary, *Tomambeio Dionigi Cnoslato Pazzelo* with his numerous Fleet of 3000. *Gundelo's* was discovered as they wantonly coasted along the South Shoar of the *Forth*, with the benefit of *St. Abb's* blessing; this jocund and secure Joviality was on a sudden changed through the indelcreit Steerage of their Vice-Admiral, who spent his *Boltspree* on a *Soling* goose-nest in that famous Island, or rather Rock of the *Basse*; this did so Alarm that plumed *Garrison* that it was wonderful to see with what fiercenesse and resolution the keckling *Militia* assailed the *Tartarian* Fleet, and in a very considerable space they boarded and were Conquerours of the whole, except of that in which the Prince himself was with myself, who by flight (surpassing that of the *Goose*) gained the Haven of *Cockany*. These insolent Birds who by this time certainly are vapouring in their *Gowns*, spacious turbants and *tyara's* to fortifie themselves against the like *Mumchance*, flayed the whole Vessels, therewith to erect their *Domicils* with couplins and *Rasters*: The Prince with his small retinue left him, found a more Hospitable reception by the *Consuls*

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Tribuns of the mentioned City, who came to understand this designe, and resolution for celebrating of these Solemnities at Cowper Race, this they understood partly through the Advertisement given them by the *Caledonius*, partly through the interperation of a Levise amongst them to whom all Languages were indifferent, except that of his mothers. Every one laboured to cheer up this disconsolate and dejected Prince, and according to their own fashion treated him with all sorts and sizes of *Musfestes*, *Cockell's*, *Spouteios*, *Limpettos*, *Linogustos*, *Clamos*, *Buccas*, and all of them decently with their own naturall condiments; Others would have presented him with *Scarts*, *Scouts Buccas*, and *Kittymak's*, at the sight of which, his kind heart qualmed, modestly refusing them, alladging they were descended of these boodly Islanders who had destroyed his Fleet His Highnesse pressed much his departure, and the on the other side urged extreemly his abode amongst them till September, that he might see himself fully revenged on his enemies by the prowess and activity of *Grall*, *Thom Goff* and others his Mirmidons, famous amongst the Poultriers of *Edina*; it is at that season the War constantly commences 'twixt these two parties, seldom the General misseeth to banish whom he hath not seized on (and these are whole Congregations) to the *Indies*, notwithstanding of their revengefull allurements, his circumcized Hignesse was more ambitious to prosecute his progresse then have seen any these unctious animals massacred. The next day which was that he used to worship on, he desired to know of the Oricles of the Countrey to avoid scandale, and accordingly with a *Maebumetan* gravity had the patience to lend his Lugs to the out-running of two *Glas-fes*, with their respective Appendixes: By this time he had learned that the day following was called *Monday*, on which day he might travell securly, but could not be suffered to go till he had break-fast with *Car-cakes* and *Pattylow's*, and recived the courtesie of being creat Burgesse and Gildbrother, all which being orderly done, he was provided with a covenant Convoy and Trench men to compleat his Fife; an pilgrimage, the *Eschevins* conducting him to the City gates where their Recorder in a grave phlegmatick speech bid him, heartily farewell: Our first halt was at the three Tuns in *Leiba* where having spent a small time in fortifying our Tabernacles.

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against the marine Exhalations, which uleth to Trouble Squeamish Stomachs, we imbarqued in that antient and new Bottom, formerly known by its Owner Captain *Watson*, but now under the Command of Admiral *John Gray*; This is the Vessel that Relcued *Don Juan* of *Austria*, at the Battle of *Lepanto*, when twelve bloody *Bashaw's* with their Gallies had Grapled with him, and yet their Antcillery was noother but Six old pumps, and two on fixt Muskets: The inevitable Necessity in observing the Tydes dyer, obstructed the Entertainment appointed for us by the *Litbeians*. We had a pleasant Top-sail-drow, from the South-east, which is lets then half a Glasse running, made us bring the Stones to the score, so that we left speedily *Inch-keith*, upon our weather quarter; This islet (as we learned from our Co passengers) is Famous for Fatning of Bestial, and most Convenient for Clandestine Coyn, the clink of the Hammer hardly to be heard on either Shore: But this being a divertilement for such *Virtuosie*, as spends their Estates to learn to leave on their Wits, its consideration we leave with them, if there be any itch in their Neck, and thus they my Try it: In another half Glasse our Waltage terminated at *Burrisland*; this same Town is as *Joppa* to *Jerusalem*, the constant place of Arrival of such as are desirous either to be cured by the whollome Waters of the *Spaw*, nigh *Kinghorn*, or who are curious to hear the ambiguous Responces of the *Athenian Hocus*; Our Treatment here was conform to the Season and Countrey modd, Biks and Olio's of the choicest pullaile; *John Gibb* the Stall-master of the place (else where known by the name of Post-master) addressed himself to the Prince, with such Civilities, as are not ordinary to Hackney Superintendants, and furnished us Horses, appearing in View like *Greenland Bucks* in *Decem'ber*, yet indeed swift as the *Buffolo's* in *Lombardie*, who are said to be begot by a *Sireco*. We held on our course towards *Kinghorn*, resolving to view the *Spaw*, so renowned for its prolifick Qualities, and so Traversed two Miles of Sands, as fertile with the wanton Shel fish, as formerly *Egypt* was of Locusts: The Fountain Discovered it self under most pleasant and beautiful Rocks, where Nature displayed her self in her Richest furniture of her pearled Shels in several grotes, some of which even in our sight dropping off the most precious and well informed pearls, as ever the place produced, which moved his *Tartarian* Highness to confess, that what for its *Cascato's*, and what for *Crotasco's*, it is exceeded far  
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any he had ever seen in Europe. In the fountain itself, Neptune hath been  
often seen (as the Countrey people confidently affirmeth) to have  
been boyling Lobsters, and Crabs at *Christmase* Eve, and with no  
other fire, than the heat of the Sun, through situate in the 56 de-  
gree of Latitude. The Fountain springs from the Earth in a  
straight Line, it reacheth the *Antipodes*: And why? say they,  
because it Ebbs and Flowes like the Sea; That when the Tyde runs  
from this Hemisphere to them, than by a Violent motion, it is re-  
turned in a full Tyde to us: They say more, that the mouth of the  
Conduit, from whence the Water gusheth, hath its *Incrementa* and  
*Decrementa* like to the Moon, only differing in the Variation o  
its figures, as Circle, Oval, Lozenge, Obluse, Sharpe, Triangle,  
Regular; Pentagon, Hexagon, and Octagon, &c. They said more  
that there were a *Jure Divino* amongst them, and he no small  
Doubtspcar, who concluded that it was one of the *Quatuor Colari*,  
but to tell Truth this Companion ended, when we for two hours  
Contemplated this pleasant Fountain with its promontary, we  
came to *Kinghorn*, a place for its Situation not unlike that of *Lisbon*  
as to the Valeys and Hills Circumjacent, but indeed the *Indian* Ad-  
venturers Buildings, there come short of the Palaces of the *Bait ga*-  
therers here: After we had Solaced our selves in the Survey of  
their Universities, and other their Nurceries of Fishlearning, we  
let one to *Kirkcaldie*, a Town eminent for Navigation, and on that  
consideration, our *Parthian Heroes*, would that the Travelling inhabi-  
tants of the City, should at the first View, understand by his Habite  
and Garb (for hitherto he had been cloathed in the Countrey fashion)  
what his Territories and Dignities were, and instantly the Master of the  
Wardrope being advertised, produced the Robes, Vestments of the  
great *Arfacides*, for Trimming up our Adventurer: Under his twilted  
Gown of a tawny colour, he had a Shirt of War, or coat of Mail, compos-  
ed of several complexioned Stones, in Mosaicall work, representing by  
Figurs in a Historicall way all the Heroical Atchievements and amo-  
rous Adventures of his Progenitors, by his side the Cimeter of the great  
*Tamherlin*, which for its Sharpness, in a Merciful Account in the  
School of Battell, can raze and Circumcise Beards, without Anoying  
the Flesh by Phlebotomy; He had the Bow of the great *Nimrod*, which  
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with Bolts was accustomed to kill Dourels, Begsigs, and Wood Cocks, for the Entertainment of his sporting Ladies : His head was covered with a black Velvet Cap, doubled with a Parcel of the Furr of the same Gown that belonged to these Trepaning Elders, who would have Top't the fair and chaste *Susanna*.

In this order passing through the Town, we perceived some Lady's in Discontent, that they had not been Timously acquainted of the *Cavalcade*, that according to their custome in such sort of welcoming strangers, they had not saluted us with their perfumed water of Roses, Jasmin and Oranges ; But to make up that mischance, they served themselves of the readiest, and very decently with their Syringes, Jyrted us with the Odoriferous flavour of Sketbroth, which occasioned us to hasten to the Towns end, where there is a Rinulet famous for the Relort of some Surdy and Boysterous Nymps who uses to Recreate themselves there, and it seems that they had Notice of our passing that way ; For suddenly at our approach, they Started the threesome Reel, consisting of Sixteen, all cast in Couples, each Couples being placed in a large Tub, or independent Pulpit, having their Garments Tuckt up to the height of the *Baltyschhang* : Here was old Whisking and Skelping, and the better to keep Cadence to their *Levalto's*, the palms of their hands, were imployed for *Castanietto's*, which made more Nimble whitherings on their Breeches, then Drum-sticks at the *Dian*. But our Chaplain fearing such objects, might swell his highness Concupiscence, hastened us to the *Path-head*, but more renowned by the Names of *Hirpletibin* or *Picktilhim* : It is a received custome of the inhabitants of this place, to geld all those who laughs at the Cong, and Greets at the &c. Our passage through this Town, was no otherwile welcomed, then that of those who are inquisitive of its Name. all these Belchings our Prince taking for jovial acclamations. Not far from this Town stands on a high Rock, the Castle of *Ravensbrough*, which before the War was renowned for Hospitality and Goodfellowship, but now a Receptracle for *Pitcaples* Angels, here they shew us the Vestige of a Furnace which Blew up Culverins, Secars and Drakes out of Cordevant-Gloves : Nigh to this is the Excellent Spring called *Vyne-Weel*, of which all of us drank, One of the Company who had formerly been well acquainted with it, affirmed that nothing was comparable to it in curing habitual fevers, occasioned through drowth, and heat of the Liver, and that he himself had had frequent experience

ence thereof. Hence we advanced to *Dysart*, a place well known for its great Trade of Sea, Coal and Salt; and truth it is that the Mines of the one, and Alembicks of the other are more happy in their productions then most of their Neighbours: Here we contemplate the Beauty of the Vestals who are devoted to serve their Mother the Earth, by Ridding her Bowels of the black stone, they are still in Meditation of Heaven or Hell, as they ascend and descend. On our way towards the *Weems*, we took notice of the Flewry verdant Banks, where we found *Thestylis* the Goddess of Hucksters, occupied in Ramassing of Nettles, who told us they were to serve for the Wedding feast of one of the Aldermans daughters of *Buckhaven*, this news made us make hast to the place, and so we passed the *Weems*, that we might the sooner participat of the Solemnities of so glorious a consummation: The Brides here in all Ages having been crackt for their behaviour, our arrival was one hour ere *Phabus* hot noddled steeds took stable, so we had time enough to survey the cunning situation and fortification of the place, equall to any other of the World: It lyes under the Brow of a steep Brack, so that it is unaccessible towards the Land, without hazard of Necky's: The Sea Guards the other side, the passages at either end are shut up with a Crosse Cart, which done, the Citizens sleeps securely unless you Allarm them with Souldiers. Our Reception was splendid, the whole Senate accompanying us in their Robes, which themselves in Modesty Term Bilsangs, not unlike to the Gowns with Velvet necks: And yet this Senate because they have Couls and Robes of the Gray-boddin, they plead them to be more Apostolick then these of the Bombacee. The Town Recorder was very full in a Speech, wherein he shew that the *Arfacides* our Princes Progenitors, had many obligations to their City, that in Thankfulness, their City might have the Education of their young Princes he minding him that when the *Parthians* were likely to be subdued by the *Romans*, that their then Admiral *Davy Downy* relieved them with a Fleet of Oyster-Dreggers: They again when the *Termit-grants* of the South Coast would have made Invasion on their Fish Territories, that then they were likewise supplied with Lanciers, strongly mounted on Grasshoppers from *Caramania*: Thus he shew the mutual amity and League twixt the Republique and the *Parthian* Empire. Thus done, we were brought to their Colledge, where we saw the works of the great *Magii*, who treats of all the severall Baits for catch



ing Fish, from the Whyting to the Whale, from the Wilk to the Lobstar; here we see their Printing-house, wherein there is now at the Presse, a rare piece of Blew-apron Divinity in Rhyme, we had not permission to read it all, but certainly it is Roguish, as you may judge by the Argument, to the Tune of *the Old Broom*, &c.

Sing to the praise of Sir *John* the Hymne,

Of jouk *John Walker* for thus it doth begin,

Of all Religions great and small,

*Cum fueris Rome* is best of all.

*Hymne*  
*Smoe*

Hence we went to their *Arsenal*, plentifully provided with Hooks Nets, Corks, Leads, Plowters, Creels, and all inventions for ensnaring the Citizens of the Sea. At length we returned to the Bride, whose entertainment was stately, of Dudds, Leydocks, Carlins, Orgements and Crowdy-moudy, the Musick was ratling of Shells of all sorts, Flute of Lobstar claws, Dulcimers of Partan bodies, and the Lochq hab es Organ, which is a Charming clattering of two Beef ribs and a Hawks Bell, with a nimble agitation of the fingers: The Bride and her Virgins which were of the profession of Dulle-gatherers, had many excellent murgeons with their Gallants; But the frequentest of all their Pavy's, was, the hooking on of Smacks on others Gobs, till their lips turned blew and parched: The hymæniel hour being nigh, the Bride begun to grin and claw her Elbow, a sign as we took it, to repair to our Lodgings, which accordingly we did, and found our Beds at the *Arsenal* well, composed of the strongest Harrows, and Linniged with the finest Nets. The next morning which we longed much for, having given seeming thanks, we left our *Foay* (you may guesse what it was) for Drink Money, a *Geordy*, each under his own Pillow. We mounted for *Cowper*, where we arrived the night before the great Race, our entertainment there was so substantial, that I dare not mention the reality of it, lest I should seem to Romantize the Nobility, Gentry and Burgers, every one striving who should out do one another in welcoming the Prince. The next day the hour of Solemnity being come, the Court fenced in the Right Honourable the Lord Provost's name and all ceremonies duely performed, the two Horses which were to carry on the Work (the one of Noble *Eliot*, the other of Stout *Murray* brother to the Barron of *\_\_\_\_\_*) were led forth to the Score in Pomp, their Rider attended with the Friends of their Respective Patrons, attending them in a most decent and comely order: It was observable



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observable to see the difference of the Riders, both of them most expert Horsemen; For *John Hosme* (mentioned sometime by *Calidontus*) hath such a close seat, as one would take him to be a part of the Horse: The other *Jamy Hall*, so Laborious, that if the horse have any spirits, he will not fail to send them to his Heels: Being started, they began to flie, and performed their work of six Miles in twelve Minutes, one amongst the Company confidently affirmed, that they made but 26 strokes in the whole course, which I believe, hardly it was carried by *Mr. Murray's* horse by two horse length: The prize was a sumptuous and large Cup of a great value, which with its Cover (for it was fashioned like a Bedpan) sufficient to Tozie a Dozen of *Belgick Virtuosi*.

The Race of the following day for a Cup of half the proportion of the other, bestowed *gratis* by the Towns heritable Provost, the Noble Earl, and was carried by a Barb of the Baron.

The third Race for a Saddle of five pound Sterling gained by a horse of *Mr. Erskine* Brother to the Noble constantly Loyal *Her*. This horse though of 28 years of Age, and had known and experienced horses of the Game against him, yet carried the Prize with a high Train. We cannot omit to shew, that during the time of the *Whorper*, he concealed his abilities as to speed, lest he might have been employed in service against his Majesty; as also since May 29 last, new Teeth had sprung in place of the Old ones, so that now he may well pass for a four year old: This was the last day of this Years *Olympiad* at *Comper* in *Fife*, which Town shew well who was their Patron by their Hospitality to Strangers, celebrate in the highest measure. All these sportful recreations were carried on by a most pleasant harmony, and a behaviour free of all contests and contradictions, that all Learned the *Mure Calidontus* who was appointed there as a Judge, had this remark, that he had heard many Cracks and no Oaths, save in one inconsiderable *Remonstrator* Paper of the Land of *Whigmerla*.

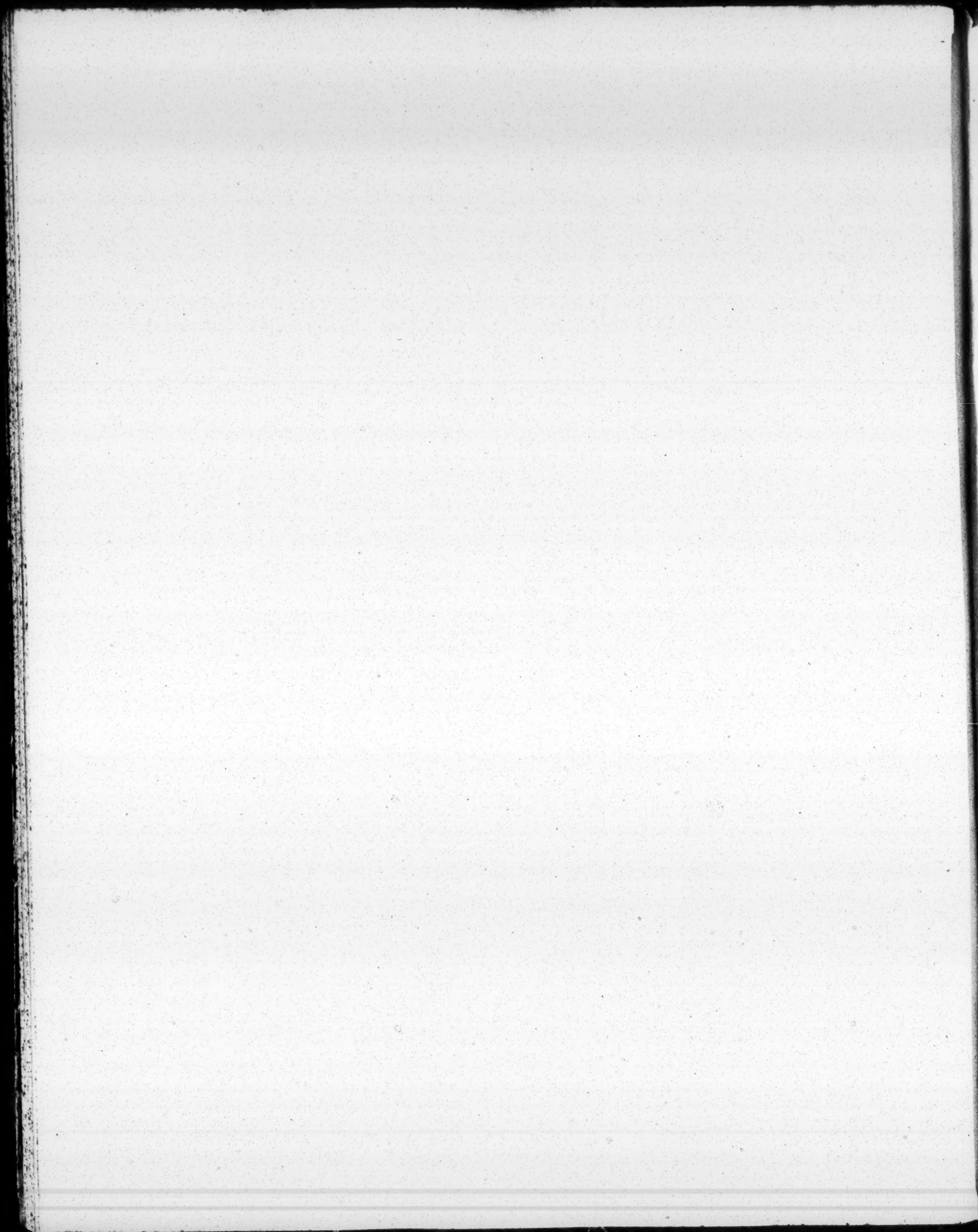
Our *Parthian* Prince being highly satisfied with all that passed, dismissed the *Cockany* Convoy, giving every one of them with a *Topaz* of the Bigness of a Sows Egg, and not far from colour. What entertainment he meets withall as he goes further North we shall give an Account of, if we receive from the *Tyfeans* who undertook his Convoy and Guide.

In the last Advertisement there was a mistake of *Haddingtown* Race, for it is upon the 21. of May next.

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